

THE OPIUM TRAFFIC.

That the moral sense of the world is awakening there is abundant evidence in the fact that such good work is being done in the efforts to suppress the opium trade. The nations that have united in this good cause are the United States, Great Britain, China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Persia, Portugal, Russia, and Siam. These dozen countries can do much if they will only continue in the praiseworthy work they have begun.

On the first of December delegates from these twelve nations met at The Hague. These delegates were invested by their respective countries with full powers to act and lay down such rules as may tend to lessen the evils from the sale of the drug. One wholesome indication is that the loss from the opium trade being curtailed is not allowed to way in the deliberations of these delegates.

The production of opium and its sale is to be reduced steadily by a certain ratio each year. In this way by a given year it is agreed that the trade will have become extinct, except such as may be required for proper medicinal purposes.

To this most humanitarian object we extend our sincere sympathy. The amount of disease and suffering that has been caused by the abuse of opium is quite beyond calculation.

But, look, the morn, in russet mantle clad,
Walks o'er the dew on yon high eastern hill.

The University of Dalhousie, Halifax, has taken over the control of the Halifax Medical College. The university will in future be responsible for the management and finances of the medical college. There will be a complete reorganization of the medical work of the college, which will be known as the Medical Faculty of Dalhousie University. This change will be of undoubted advantage to the cause of medical education in the Maritime Provinces.

Our esteemed contemporary, the *Western Medical News*, is doing good work by directing attention to the fact that the Commissioner of Health for Saskatchewan has made an important appointment of a person who is not a qualified medical practitioner, contrary to the law of the province.